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POLICE REPORTS

2 arrested in RCPD cocaine search

Sarah Rajewski | COLLEGIAN

A local man and woman were arrested in an ongoing police investigation into the distribution and sale of crack cocaine in Manhattan, according to a news release by the Riley County Police Department.

Police arrested Risheen Daniel Robinson, 31, and Audra Jo Akin, 31, at about 8 a.m. on Thursday as a result of five search warrants for various locations, according to the re-

Robinson, of 2407 Brook Lane, was charged with the sale of crack cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school, two counts of the sale of crack cocaine, two counts of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of ecstasy, unlawful use of a telecommunication device, possession of drug paraphernalia and no Kansas drug tax stamp, according to the release. Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD said Robinson was still confined on a \$50,000 bond on Friday.

Akin, of 1220 Ratone St., Apt. C, was charged with two counts of the sale of crack cocaine, conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and unlawful use of a telecommunication device, according to the release. Crosby said Akin was released on a \$5,000 bond.

According to the RCPD, the investigation is still continuing and more arrests are pending.

WOMAN LEAVES LAPTOP, **PHONE IN HOTEL ROOM**

A Junction City woman reported the loss of her laptop and phone, amounting to \$2,200, according to police.

Sarah Lawson, 26, was staying in a hotel room at 1500 Tuttle Creek Blvd., according to the report. Crosby said the woman left her laptop worth \$1,600 and her phone worth \$600 in the hotel room.

When she came back about a week later, the items were missing, he said. Lawson reported that the items were taken sometime between 11 p.m. on Feb. 2 and 5 p.m. on Feb. 11, according to the report.

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Above Right: Feerah meticulously applies makeup backstage before her performance.

Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN Top: Penny Tration urges the crowd of more than 800 hundred people at the drag show Friday night in Forum Hall to shower her with money and praise for her performance. Above Left: India Ferrah works her way through the crowd collecting dollars bills after a rendition of Beyonce's "Single Ladies.

Drag queens perform, tipped by audience

Maura Wery | COLLEGIAN

Forum Hall pumped to the sound of techno music played over loud speakers. The music mixed with the murmur of voices in the hall on Friday for K-State's fourth annual drag show.

Before the show started members of Hot Sticky Sweet, a drag queen group consisting of Mitzy Moree, Tywoo, Monica Moree and Patti O'Dour, walk around making small conversation with the crowd, satirizing the other drag queens and asking if anyone needed change because as they explained later, it is etiquette at a show for people to tip the queens for their performance.

"The show was awesome," said DaNe- some of the queens. sha McNeely, senior in women studies. "I think it's a great look at our culture and how we view gender, and I also think it's really great to see kids here and have them exposed to these kind of ques-

tions about gender.' The show, which was sponsored by the Student Organization for Cultural Studies and Ordinary Women, was mainly for entertainment purposes, but it also had a higher meaning than simply watching a

good three hours of performance. The purpose was expose cultural ideas about sex and gender and what exactly it is like to be in the drag queen community, including a background on

A PowerPoint presentation on the differences between the definitions of sex and gender was presented as the audience settled in – sex being the biological chromosomal makeup of a human being and gender being the social obligations and standards given to that sex.

"The ladies looked fabulous and it was nice to see so many students come out to support it," said Emmie Powell, junior in English. "I actually have some friends who are drag queens so I came knowing I was supportive of their choices, and I hope some people learned some new

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Chinese New Year celebration shares culture, language

Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

Long ago, there was a ferocious demon named Nian locked in a remote mountain. Every 12 months, Nian would leave the mountain and eat people until the locals discovered that the demon was afraid of loud noises and red colors. People hung red lanterns and set off fireworks, terrorizing Nian, who would flee back to the mountain.

For Chinese people, this day became known as "celebrating the new year" or Guo Nian, meaning "survive the demon Nian." Sunday night, Chinese and other K-State students got together in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union to celebrate this holiday with song, music and laughter but most of all with many different shades of red.

'Red in China symbolizes happiness," said Wei Wu, assistant professor and director of the Chinese program. "This year, our New Year fell on Valentine's Day, so many people were calling it double happiness day."

The New Year celebration is also about love with family being the core of the festivities. In China, billions of Chinese people travel across the country to get together with their relatives and express their love for the Chinese Spring Festival or New Year's, Wu said. The festival, also known as the Lunar New Year, generally falls at the end of January or beginning of February of the Gregorian solar calendar, which is the calendar the United

Families get together for dinner and later watch a performance on the China Central Television network. This performance was mirrored last night in Forum

"The spring festival marks the beginning of the spring season, and it's the most important holiday in China," Wu said. "But today, this celebration is not only for Chinese students, but for

American students as well." The world is becoming increasingly globalized and



China's economy is expanding greatly, so it has become important for Americans to broaden their horizons, Wu

"The Chinese New Year does not belong to China, it belongs to the whole world," said Liang Peng, president of the Chinese Student and Scholars Association, the group organizing the event. "When I came to K-State in 2005, your fingers were enough to count the number of Chinese students here."

Today, there are more than 800 students from China and 100 faculty members, Peng said, stressing the opportunity American students have to get valuable international experience without going abroad.

China has a cultural heritage that is centuries old, but in today's world, this culture does not belong just to the Chinese, Wu said

"We are all becoming

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Photos by Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN Left: Students perform during Chinese New Year celebrations Sunday night. Right: Yi Yang, sophomore in business administration, performs a Mongolian dance.



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Joseph James Stepney, 4121 McDowell Creek Rd., was arrested at 12:30 p.m. for



port from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian's Web site, www.kstatecollegian.com.

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The Mortar Board Senior Honor Society will sponsor Tuesday from 12 - 1 p.m. in the

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CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Women of K-State are hosting a brown bag luncheon Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Union Big 12 Room. Please join for discussion, questions and answers relating to women's health issues. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and cookies provided.

K-State Healthy Decisions will be distributing information about time management for this week's Wildcat Wellness Wednesday. A table will be set up near the Union food court from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with free calendars, handouts and brochures with information on how to better handle your time.

Career and Employment Services is hosting Design Expo today in the Union Ballroom from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, go to k-state.edu/ces.

Powercat Financial Counseling will host walk-in Financial Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Office of **Student Acivities and Services** located on the Union ground floor.

The City of Manhattan Parks & Recreation Department is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming youth soccer season. The season will run approximately March 1 - May 6. The department is also hiring soccer officials at a pay rate of \$12 - \$24 per game. Interested individuals should call 785-587-2757 or e-mail Jeff Mayer at mayer@

Campus Administrative Panel on Union Courtvard. Enter to win a drawing for two \$100 scholarships.

Information Technology Assistance Center will be presenting the following orientations. The

events are open to all K-State

faculty, staff and students. Registration required. -IT Orientation: IT Training will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesday in Hale Library room 401B. -IT Orientation: Computing at K-State will be held from 2 - 3 p.m. Feb. 23 in Hale Library room

-IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 4 in Hale Library room 401B.

-IT Orientation: Emerging Technologies will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. March 10 in Hale Library room 401B.

Rec Services is offering a Spring Break Shape Up program designed for two individuals to workout together with a Wildcat personal trainer twice a week for three weeks. The program begins today and is limited to the first 30 pairs who sign up. Cost is \$45 per person. Only K-State students and Peters Recreation Complex members can participate. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Women on Weights will be held Saturday from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at Peters Recreation Complex. This program is free. Sign up in the Rec office or by calling 785-532-6980.

Sign up for intramural whiffleball by 5 p.m. Thursday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Sign up a four-person team with up individuals on a roster. The cost is \$1.08 per person. Competition will be tournament format held Feb. 20, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information and entry forms, go to recservices.k-state.edu.

Applications for National Student Exchange for fall 2010 and spring 2011 are due by March 1. For more information,

contact Kari Nap in the Office of Admissions at *karinap@k-state*. edu or go to nse.org.

The TechBytes series is offering the following sessions. The series is open to all K-State faculty, staff and students. Registration is not required. All sessions are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and held in 501 Hale Library except for the one on Feb. 25, which will be held in 301A Hale.

-Thursday - Time to Talk - This presentation focuses on new Web 2.0 tools.

-Feb. 25 - Uses of WordPress -March 4 - Twitter Tools -March 11 - Zimbra Calendar -March 25 - Google Wave

Rec Services' personal trainers present a series of free workshops called Muscle Focus from 2 - 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Each workshop targets a different muscle group. Sign up for these free workshops at the weight room attendant desk. Saturday will focus on chest and abdominals. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Mortar Board Inc. is accepting applications. Access the application at k-state.edu/mortarboard and submit to 107 Leadership Studies Building, second-floor reception area by Friday. Mortar Board members will be available in the Union Feb. 16-18 to answer questions and celebrate National Mortar Board Week (Feb. 15-19).

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Bethaney Wallace at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints, but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity. Confirmation will not be provided.



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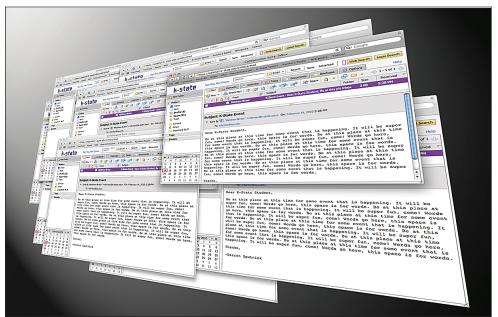


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Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

Students and faculty get flooded with emails every day. However, some of the messages can be considered junk, and people will skip over or delete them right away.

A basic internal mailing list costs \$35 plus 2 cents per name any time the list is updated, according to ksu.edu. For autoupdated mailing lists, the cost is \$100 plus 5 cents per name for the whole year. All together for someone to send one e-mail to the whole university, the cost is a little more than \$500.

There are also K-State E-Notes – a communication channel used to reach a small population of the university. An E-Note request must be sent by a full-time K-State faculty or staff member.

To add all the e-mail accounts on campus, someone can create a contact group with everyone in it and send one e-mail. The people who send these e-mails are with the university because only those affiliated with K-State can send them.

Students who receive these e-mails as junk mail have the choice to read or delete them. Faculty, on the other hand, have to open and read them.

"It drives me crazy to receive e-mail from Borck Brothers clothing company," said Jackie Harmon, advertising adviser for Student Publications. "I don't mind getting the e-mails from McCain Auditorium or the Recreation Complex."

One option to advertise these messages would be to publish them in the Collegian. Students might see the message and become interested, whereas if they receive the message in an e-mail, they would skip over it.

Most of the e-mails come from the Peters Recreation Complex, K-State Athletics or a campus event sponsored by the K-State Stu-

"It's really annoying for me to see all those e-mails in my inbox because it's already full with important ones," said Adekunle Ferreira, senior in electrical engineering. Ferreira said it would be better if adver-

tisements for the Rec or athletic events were published on an online message board or advertised in the paper where he might become

Other students have a different opinion about the e-mails and think the newspaper advertising the Rec and other campus advertisements would not draw much attention.

"When I get the e-mails, I just delete them," said Ross Whiting, junior in mechanical engineering. "Advertising through email is cheaper for the university, but I don't read the Collegian in the first place, so I still wouldn't read about them there."

US wages new war on junk food, Michelle Obama takes lead in fight

Emily Lang | UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

While the United States juggles two wars abroad, politicians, policy makers and the first lady alike are declaring a few more of their own at home. But just exactly who are these formidable foes?

Salt and junk food and soda companies,

The unhealthy ilk has been vilified for its links to heart disease, high blood pressure and childhood obesity among Americans. It would appear that the stage is set for 2010 to be a year of food revolution with government initiatives springing up left and right. Politicians such as New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and First Lady Michelle Obama are leading the charge as they turn up the heat on food industry heavyweights to both lean and desalinate their products.

We've got a food fight of national proportions on our hands, and it's enough to make any health-conscious foodie cry out, "Viva le broccoli!" But if we have learned anything about the power of industry lobbyists' ability to squelch reform – with the overturning of the corporate campaign finance ban mere weeks ago - we know that Little Debbie is not going down without a struggle.

Michelle Obama's announcement last Tuesday of her campaign - dubbed "Let's Move" - in hopes to end childhood obesity within a generation, came just weeks after Bloomberg announced an initiative urging restaurants and food manufacturers to voluntarily reduce the salt in their products by 25 percent in the next 5 years. Obama's campaign is also, for the most part, a voluntary one, simply urging food providers to increase the amount of produce served in schools, reduce the salt, sugar and fat content of their products and implement a uniform caloric labeling system for soda.

While several major companies like Aramark and Sodexho, school lunch providers, have pledged cooperation for healthier menus over time, many are already questioning whether or not either initiative while well-meaning – goes far enough.

While both initiatives are speculated to have some far-reaching effects on how the food industry operates, the Center for Science in the Public Interest implored Obama in a statement released last week to go further and remove junk food from schools altogether.

"For far too long, the nation's response to childhood obesity has been underwhelming, considering obesity's massive impact on the nation's physical and fiscal

PepsiCo. and Coca-Cola Co. have pledged their support of Obama's new initiative and promised a new front-of-container nutritional labeling system for their soft drinks by 2012.

"We are honored to play a role in this important action. We are going to be seen as part of the solution," said Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent.

Coca-Cola's promise of cooperation, however, seems an abrupt change of heart that comes on the heels of Kent's more or less calling President Barack Obama a Communist last September in response to a proposed soda tax that would have likely reduced consumption, helped fund health care reform initiatives and essentially gone toward correcting the health woes.

"I have never seen it work where a government tells people what to eat and what to drink," Kent said at the Rotary Club of Atlanta in response to an audience question. "If it worked, the Soviet Union would still be around."

With companies – whose bottom line depends on the rampant unchecked consumption of their irrefutably unhealthy product - throwing their "support" behind a campaign that seemingly threatens its lifeblood has been cause for skepticism. And the reason these companies feel comfortable at all making small concessions to placate politicians is that they are confident they are paid up where it counts.

When faced with the possibility of a

soda tax last year, the American Beverage Association, according to OpenSecrets.org, did not bat an eye at pouring \$18.85 million toward lobbying the government (successfully) against it last year. Compare that to spending a relatively trifling \$667,590 on government lobby in 2008.

While it is great to see attention being paid to the health of Americans and children, it is important to remember that these "voluntary" initiatives are not actually cutting to the core of U.S. issues. If we really hope to make any sort of dent in reducing America's growing waistline, it would be wise for politicians to take note that they need to stop asking and start telling.







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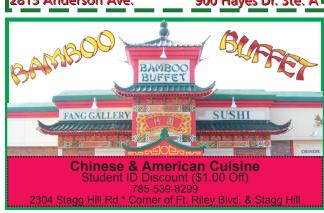














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Foundational Beliefs



Fathers of nation valued religious freedom



Last month, the Texas State Board of Education began discussing a new curriculum that would teach students that the United States is a Christian nation.

Members of the board, as do many others, argue that the Founding Fathers were Christians and founded the country on the ideals of Christianity. Because of this, they think the United States is a Christian nation and not just a country with a predominant Christian population.

There is nothing new about trying to introduce religion into schools. As someone who grew up in Kan

sas, I have firsthand knowledge of this, but the push to officially make this country a Christian nation has gained momentum in the last few

To do this would be a huge mistake.

While it is true that the Founding Fathers were Christians, they were against the idea of a national religion. Not only did they ensure religious freedom in the First Amendment, they also created a separation of church and state.

The Founding Fathers knew that such a separation of power was necessary in regards to religion as well as government. The point has always been to keep one entity from gaining complete power.

Naming one national religion would be just as, if not more, destructive as naming one person to run the country. It would be impossible to

achieve or maintain true religious freedom if one religion was singled out above all others.

One area I do agree with the school board on, although for different reasons, is the need to teach religion in the context of history.

Religion, especially Christianity, has played a huge role in the history of not only this country, but the entire world. It is important for students to learn the effects people's beliefs have had on the course of human history.

This will only work if we teach all religions and we teach them without bias or motive. Few people in this country have any knowledge of the teachings and practices of religions other than their own. Those who do have learned them through the biased eyes of their own belief system.

It is often argued that the laws of this country were set

up to reflect the teachings of Christianity. If people had true knowledge of other religions, they would realize that the basic fundamentals of love and doing what is right are all the same.

If people in this world had a better understanding of all religions, we wouldn't have half the problems we currently face. It is not enough to be just tolerant of other people; you must learn why they do what they do. Only through understanding can we figure out a way to stop killing each other.

While we don't need to choose a national religion, it is important that we make sure our children gain the knowledge they need to make up for our mistakes. We must teach them rather than just preach to them.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Health care act would benefit US

Obama is right about passing health care. By bending the cost curve, it will get our fiscal house in order. The U.S. Senate probably needs to pass a health care bill that is similar to the Healthy Americans Act. It will not raise taxes, will not raise premiums and will not expand the size of government. The Congressional Budget Office scored it as deficit-neutral. The Lewin Group endorses this bill.

The health care companies should be regulated to give choice and competition to all U.S. citizens. It leads to affordable, portable and quality-based health care. It is my opinion that we should gradually phase out an employer-based health care system. The Healthy Americans Act is only a bill that has to pass both the U.S. Senate and House. The failure of politicians to embrace this bill is somewhat sad. If ordinary people actually knew about this bill, they would demand U.S. senators vote for this piece of legisla-

If the current health care bill is passed with 60 votes, it will be considered a partisan bill. However, a better bill like the bipartisan Healthy Americans Act would establish an effective way to overhaul one-seventh of our nation's economy. It would lead to national consensus on health care and leave Americans feeling better about our political system.

As a Democrat, I hope the Senate Democratic leadership listens to Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Bob Bennett, R-Utah. They have ideas to reform health care. A bipartisan bill helps the U.S. compete in a global economy. Those folks from "Status Quo Caucus" of Big Labor and Big Business are against the Healthy Americans Act. These very same people are afraid of change. They are the reason why the auto industry is ailing. Passing health care allows people to live out their dreams.

Joel C. Groninga

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Christianity should be marked by love, not hate



The advancement of minority rights in America has come slowly, and some minorities continue to experience vilification and persecution.

Civil rights activists have successfully banned racial discrimination, but the achievement of equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning individuals (LGBTQ) is more difficult to achieve because of the deeply entrenched religious stigma.

The rights and safety of these human beings are endangered as a result of the religious belief that homosexuality is immoral; therefore it is the responsibility of the religious community to reexamine that belief, the sources of the ideas supporting the belief and the accuracy of its interpretations of those sources used

One of the most beautiful and essential acts of the religiously devoted is to shelter the victims of society and help and speak out for the weak and persecuted. Thus, Christians feel sad that the

Bible was historically used to justify such terrible things as the enslavement of Africans and the persecution of the Jewish community and are joyful about the roles that Christians played in bringing an end to slavery and the Holocaust.

Tragically, in America today many religious people consider LGBTQ to be defective, sinful and despised by God. For example, Jim Rudd of The Covenant News teaches that "Until our civil officials [execute all homosexuals], we can only be judged with the most depraved pagan nations in history.

Similarly, Rev. Fred Phelps feels so strongly about this issue that he preaches his message of hate at the funerals of our country's most noble and dutiful patriots, often on signs carried by

The harsh teachings of these men explain why the attempted suicide rate for LGBTQ teenagers who are rejected by their families is more than 800 percent higher than that of their

Perhaps you are wondering how a religion based on loving fellow human beings can be so misinterpreted and misunderstood as to justify vicious hatred. One of the most important causes of this fateful misunderstanding involves the inherent difficulty of transferring spiritual knowledge across barriers of

There are two words in Ancient Hebrew whose inaccurate translations have fueled the belief that homosexuality is immoral and repulsive to God. Both terms date back to the ancient times when pagans were being converted to Judaism, and the Middle Eastern pagan ritual of temple sex with prostitutes was being purged by the Church.

The word "Qadesh" refers to a pagan temple prostitute in Ancient Hebrew, but has been mistranslated into "sodomite" and "homosexual" by various versions of the Christian Bible. In reality there is no word for homosexual in the Ancient Hebrew language and the sodomites were rapists, not temple prosti-

The second term "To'ebah" refers to an act that is ritually unclean for a Jew such as eating pork, shellfish, three-day old meat or trimming one's beard. The dreadfully inaccurate translation to "abomination" carries an implication of intrinsic evil that simply was not present in the original teaching of the

Church. When the misunderstandings resulting from these mistranslations are clarified, the Old Testament is understood to condemn only those homosexual acts that involve heterosexuals, temple prostitution, incest and rape/ murder. Surely it is not a coin-

one condemnation of monogamous homosexuality in the en-

Anyone skeptical of the views presented here or simply desiring to further understanding of this issue is encouraged to examine the work of serious Biblical scholars such as the staunchly conservative Rev. L. Robert Arthur from Bob Jones Univer-

When St. Thomas Aquinas shaped the Catholic Church's view of homosexuality, he believed that homosexuality was a creation of human beings, standing in direct opposition to the intentions of the Creator. Today we know that homosexual behavior exists not only in other mammals, but also in birds, rep-

tiles, amphibians and even bugs. Although the evolutionary reasons for LGBTQ are not fully understood today, when a man or a woman is born gay that is clearly not a defiance of God's

Although Jesus never condemned homosexuality, he did condemn the persecution of the weak, the vilification of those who are different and the hatred of fellow human beings

God doesn't hate LGBTQ. God hates hate.

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Quotable quote:

"Does wisdom perhaps appear on the earth as a raven which is inspired by the smell of carrion?"

- Friedrich Nietzsche

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BRIEFS

TENNIS TEAM LOSES FIRST HOME MATCH

The K-State women's tennis fell to the Iowa Hawkeyes 7-0 Saturday, losing its first home match of the season.

K-State (2-1) got its only win of the match in doubles play, when freshman Karla Bonacic and sophomore Nina Sertic defeated Zuzi Chmelarova and Merel Beelen in number two doubles. Unfortunately, because of the way doubles is scored, K-State did not receive a point in the final score because the doubles point is awarded to the winner of two-out-of-three doubles matches.

K-State lost all of its singles matches in the shutout. However, two out of the six singles matches did go to three sets.

The women's tennis team takes the court on the road next weekend, facing Nevada and New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M.

TRACK SHINES IN SPLIT SQUAD MEETS

Three members of the K-State track and field team posted provisional qualifying marks over the weekend in split squad competition in Ames, Iowa, and Fayetteville, Ark.

At the ISU Classic, hosted by conference opponent Iowa State, senior distance runner Beverly Ramos finished second in the women's 5,000-meter with a time of 16:17.44 for her first provisional qualifying time of the

2009-10 season.

She was joined by junior middle-distance runner Jack Sachse, who also posted his first provisional mark of the year with a seventh-place finish in the men's 800-me-

At the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, true freshman Erik Kynard Jr., captured a first-place finish in the men's invitational high jump with a provisional-qualifying leap of 7-2.25.

Statistically, Kynard tied with former Wildcat Scott Sellers, who was competing unattached. Because of the number of jumps taken by each competitor, Kynard was awarded the title.

The Wildcats will return to action this weekend when they play host at the KSU Open at Ahearn Field House.

WEEKLY FAN POLL FEB. 15

How will the baseball team respond to its best season in school history?

A. A Big 12 Championship and a trip to the College World Series B. A solid season and another NCAA regional bid C. A niddle-of-the-road finish in the conference standings

D. A forgettable finish near the bottom of the pack

PREVIOUS RESULTS

Which player will be the biggest key to a late NCAA Tournament run?

A. Denis Clemente - 108 votes (28%)
B. Jacob Pullen - 105 votes (27%)
C. Curtis Kelly - 84 votes (22%)
D. Jamar Samuels - 85 votes (22%)

Total number of votes: 382

Vote online at kstatecollegian. com and check next Monday's issue for this week's results.



A Tale of 2 Halves

Despite rocky start, K-State victorious

Ashley Dunkak | COLLEGIAN

Although the No. 9 Wildcats only led 28-26 at the half, they outscored the Colorado Buffaloes 40-25 in the second period to win in Bramlage 68-51 for their 20th victory of the season.

With the win, Coach Frank Martin became the first K-State coach in history to have three consecutive 20-win seasons to begin his career. Despite this accomplishment, Martin focused on the whole organization

"It's not about me. It's about us," he said. "All the assistants have had opportunities, and staff guys have had opportunities to go work elsewhere, and they stayed here because they believe in us."

Martin said former K-State head coach Bob Huggins could have done what all the other coaches in America do when they get other jobs – take recruits with them – but Huggins went out of his way to get everyone to stay on board. Martin said the record is about the whole organization and he is just lucky to be a part of it.

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K-State (20-4, 7-3 Big 12 Conference) outscored Colorado (11-13, 2-8) in the paint 40-26. This success was especially due to the double-double effort of junior forward Curtis Kelly, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and the dominance inside by senior forward Luis Colon, who finished with nine points – all in the second half – and six rebounds. Of the 14 field goals made by K-State in the second half, 11 were in the paint.

"I think I did well because Jamar, Dom, Jacob, Denis, all those guys found me in the post," Kelly said. "They were just finding me so well that I didn't really have to put it on the floor too much or do anything at all. All I had to do was go up and dunk it"

Colon also had a major role in the way K-State pulled away late. His grit in the post and the consequent success seemed to energize both his teammates and the crowd. Having scored six points but muffed four foul shot attempts, Colon went to the line again. He drained both shots, and a resounding "Luuuu!" rose from the stands.

The Wildcats did not begin as well as they finished, however. K-State had six turnovers in the first 6:30 of the game, and the team shot 1-of-7 from the free-throw line in that same stretch. The Wildcats did not break double digits until shortly after the 12-minute mark.

"I just think offensively we were rusty, and we were kind of confused by the zone they were in because it wasn't a traditional 1-3-1," said junior guard Jacob Pullen, who had a double-double with 15 points and 10 assists.

The Buffs got several early steals and in general had their hands on the basketball



K-State guard **Jacob Pullen** shoots a layup during the second half of Saturday's game in Bramlage Coliseum. Despite the score being 28-26 at halftime, K-State pulled ahead and won 68-51.

a great deal, whether that meant swooping in and stealing attempted passes or hitting them out of bounds.

Baskets were scarce and neither team made many major runs. Colorado led for most of the opening period. However, K-State did go on a 7-0 tear late in the half en route to the team's slim lead at the break. Going into the second half, the only players to score in double digits were Pullen with 10 and Colorado's junior guard Cory Higgins with 12. The Wildcats shot 12.5 percent from the 3-point line in the first

"We had a new offense we're trying to put in against 1-3-1 zones, and unfortunately one of my major flaws is that I'm as stubborn, as you're going to find," Martin said. "I wanted us to make it work and it wasn't working, but I also take pride in not being completely dumb, and so at halftime we just went back to attacking the 1-3-1 zone with what we have in

place."

The positive aspect of the first half was that the Buffaloes were turning the ball over and also shooting poorly so the game stayed close – which was at least partly due to K-State's defense limiting scores in the paint. The Buffs had six turnovers in 10 minutes, and the score was 10-11 Colorado midway through the first half.

"We did not play well, and half of that was K-State's defense and their strength on the offensive boards," said Colorado head coach Jeff Bzdelik.

Wildcats start well, fall short in College Station

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

K-State was not able to keep the game in its hands after a fast start and fell to the 11th-ranked Aggies 69-63 on Saturday. The win for Texas A&M ends a twogame skid and is its third straight win over the Wildcats.

The team was on a roll early, keeping pace with Texas A&M (17-6, 5-5 Big 12 Conference). K-State (12-12, 4-6) then went on an 18-4 run, which included a four-point play from freshman guard Taelor Karr, and took a 27-20 lead.

The Wildcats took an eightpoint lead to halftime 33-25. Texas A&M opened the second half on an 11-0 run over six minutes. The Wildcats did not score in the second half until the 12:42 mark. K-State regained the lead 41-40 off a three-pointer from senior guard Kari Kincaid. After a jumper from senior forward Ashley Sweat, the Aggies went on a 7-0 run to take the lead 63-52 with 1:30 left. The Wildcats only

"Big 12 basketball is tough,"

got within six points the rest of

the game.

said head coach Deb Patterson. "I thought we put ourselves in position to be real competitive; it's what you hope to be on the road. We missed some easy opportunities in the second half offensively that you have to convert on."

Four Wildcat players finished in double figures, led by Karr who had 19 points. Freshman guard Brittany Chambers chipped in 17 while Kincaid had 13, and Sweat finished with 10.

Although Sweat was an uncharacteristic 3-11 from the field, her 10 points put her in fourth place on the school's career scoring list. Chambers also had a bad day from the floor, going 5-of-20, including 3-of-13 from beyond the arc.

Sophomore guard Sydney Carter penciled in 24 points for the Aggies and was 6-of-12 from the floor. Senior guard Tanisha Smith finished with a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"Sydney had a great day today and was more or less of a difference-maker," Patterson said. "I was proud of the intensity we brought against a good Texas

A&M team we lined up against today."

K-State had a second consecutive game of shooting 30 percent or less from the floor, including just 28 percent in the second half. The Aggies shot 46 percent overall. The Wildcats did outrebound the Aggies, 41-36, including a whopping 20 offensive rebounds. On a second note, the team set a Reed Arena record with 11 made 3-point field

goals.

"The beginning of the second half ended up being big," Patterson said. "You can survive a few possessions where you aren't scoring, but each one ended with an answer from the Aggies."

Coming into the game with a losing record in conference play, the Texas A&M team knew the importance of winning home games, said Aggie head coach Gary Blair.

"We almost had WNIT written on our chest if we would have lost that ball game," Blair said. "You can't afford to lose home ball games, and I'm really proud of how the kids responded at halftime."



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN K-State forward **Ashley Sweat** tries to shoot in Wednesday's home game.

K-State will stay in Texas and face the 14th-ranked Longhorns on Wednesday. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center. Fans can catch the game on the K-State Sports Network.

K-STATE ATHLETIC SCHEDULE: FEB. 15 - FEB. 21 Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday Friday** Saturday Sunday Women's Basketball Men's Basketball <u>Baseball</u> Men's Basktball vs. Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma vs. Nebraska vs. Deleware 11 a.m. Charleston, S.C. 5 p.m. Norman, Okla. **2 p.m.** Bramlage Coliseum 6 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum (Live on FSN) (Season Opener) (Live on FSN) <u>Baseball</u> Women's Basketball Baseball **Equestrian** vs. East Tennessee State vs. The Citadel vs. Texas A&M **10 a.m.** Charleston, S.C. **7 p.m.** Austin, Texas **10 a.m.** Charleston, S.C. College Station, Texas TBA Track and Field **Tennis** KSU Open vs. New Mexico All Day Ahearn Field House **12 p.m.** Albuquerque, N.M.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES



Aries March 21 -April 19 Enjoy the winter weather while you can, because it might be 80 degrees on your birthday. It is Kansas weather.



Taurus April 20 -May 20 Don't let the planets mess with your chi. This is an actual horoscope. You will do something vague



Gemini May 21 -June 21 Go to frankmartinbasketball.com/ backcourt. Check out those graphics!



Cancer June 22 -July 22 Flattery will go far tonight.



Leo July 23 - Aug.

The greatest danger could be your stupidity, so study for your tests this week.



Sept. 22 You have the intelligence to know that horoscopes are nothing but a space

Virgo Aug. 23 -



Give credit where it is due. Take credit if no one will give it out.

Libra Sept. 23 -



Scorpio Oct. 24 -Nov. 21

Wear more purple this week. It will make Dean Bosco happy.



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Last week your archenemy was supposed to be revealed

to you. Did they have a last name you can shout like "Newman!" or "Thatherton!"? Get the references?



Capricorn Dec. 22 -Jan. 19 Contemplate whose firing was more hilarious: Ron Prince or Mark Mangino.



Aquarius Jan. 20 -Feb. 18 Start playing the Ugg game again. Bring 'Uggly" back.



Pisces Feb. 19 -March 20 Epic failure looms over your head, but if you come to peace with it, it might get better as you heal with time.

> -Compiled by Tim **Schrag**

Lost and Found

Officer finds love again despite time, distance

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

Some people believe everything in life happens by chance, a coincidence or a mere role of the dice. Others believe they create their own destinies, that each moment in life causes the next. Everybody has a different story to tell, and for Officer Russell D'Andrea of the K-State Police, his story was fate.

When D'Andrea left for his first deployment in the Korean War in 1988, he faced an uncertain future. He had a second child on the way, and his marriage was troubled.

D'Andrea said his wife did not understand why he had to leave and she thought given the situation, he should not have to go.

"The military tends to be kind of unforgiving," he said. "With a new baby on the way, she was thinking I'd be able to get out of it."

This was not the case, and D'Andrea said this is something his wife did not accept, especially when he was unable to go home when his son was finally born.

"Because the childbirth was normal, they weren't going to let me go," he said. "She eventually stopped writing."

When his wife cut all contact with him, he was left to wonder what would come of his family back home, but he knew it was over.

One could say this is the moment D'Andrea's fate began to unfold, and he found comfort in an unexpected place. It came in just two words, "Dear Abby." One of the soldiers stationed in Korea decided to send a request to a "Dear Abby" column, asking that people take the time to write letters to the soldiers.

The response was an overwhelming one.

"There were two four-drawer filing cabinets full with letters," he said.

Each soldier was given three letters to read, and D'Andrea was no exception. One in particular caught his eye. It was a letter from a woman named Lisa Bristoe. As he read, he felt her personality jumping from the pages. He immediately knew there was something special about her.

"I was lonely, and I just started pouring my heart out to her," he said.

Bristoe was young, 18, and just out of high school. She had seen the "Dear Abby" request in the paper and on a whim decided to respond.

"I read it, and back then I



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Russell D'Andrea (right), member of K-State Police, and Lisa Bristoe show a "Dear Abby" column from a photo book. The two met and became pen pals because a "Dear Abby" column encouraged people to write to soldiers.

did weird and crazy things," Bristoe said. "I decided I would write the soldiers."

Bristoe said she felt the same connection D'Andrea that he felt for her.

"He was really open and a good communicator," she

After a while, the two were writing letters regularly, getting to know each other through each word written on the pages. Then they started to burn up the phone lines between South Korea and

"Back then you could only call collect, and I remember one time her mom answered. She said their bill was \$200," he said. "I told her I was good for it, and I was."

When D'Andrea returned home, he faced what he knew he would. His new son did not know him, and it would take a while to build a relation-

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nine hour trip from Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C.,

to Lake City, Fla. to see her

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Russell D'Andrea

K-STATE POLICE OFFICER

every free weekend he had. Their relationship quickly, but for Bristoe it was too quick.

"I wanted her to know what she was facing," D'Andrea said. "I told her the only way she could go with me and stay with me if I was transferred was if we got married."

D'Andrea knew he was rushing things and knew this was something he could not expect her to want at her age. Bristoe wanted to go to college and be young; she was not ready to be a stepmother of two kids.

After a mutual agreement not to rush into anything, the two began to lose touch and the letters tapered off. D'Andrea said he kept some contact with her parents, calling on holidays and sending Christmas cards, but he and Bristoe began living separate lives.

It would almost 20 years before they would see each other again. Bristoe became a nurse at Florida State University and

had

been

dating same guy for a while, although she began to see that he was becoming more and more controlling. She said through it all, she still won-

dered about D'Andrea. "I thought of him at times," she said, "but I'd heard he had gotten remarried."

D'Andrea had in fact remarried and had also been deployed to Germany and twice to Iraq since had lost touch with Bristoe. He stayed married for 15 years, but after learning of infidelities he made the decision to get out.

For D'Andrea, fate took another turn on Oct. 12, 2009, when he found Bristoe's Facebook.com profile. Eventually they began to reconnect and continued what they had left so many years ago. Bristoe has visited from Florida three times since then and plans to move to Kansas when her lease is up.

"We're taking it one day at a time," D'Andrea said. "I feel like I'm the lucky one. I've cared for 20 years.

D'Andrea is now retired from the military and is a K-State police officer, using his many life experiences to help students become better.

"I love making a difference; I always try to leave students in better shape then I find them in," he said.

people around D'Andrea can see that too.

"I see him as a really positive role model; he's a delight to be around," said Charlene Henton, instructor of agriculture and natural resources. "He puts off a positive aura, and with his military background, he's the no nonsense type."

Some might say D'Andrea's story of love lost and found again was a coincidence just a mere role of the dice. Others would say he created his own destiny and each moment he faced caused the next one to happen. But for D'Andrea, it was fate.

COLLEGE MOM

Daughter's first pool trip exciting, perfect before bed time



This was a week of endless firsts for

Just when we think she's reached her monthly limit for doing something that completely blows us away, she decides to grow up a few months and act more like a "big girl."

Emaline now makes sounds similar to that of a dinosaur in addition to having learned "Dada," which is especially frustrating considering I've spent a fair amount of time trying to teach her how to say "Mama."

The most memorable first came last Wednesday, as my friend Melissa and

I took Emmy to the Natatorium to go swimming. The preparation was almost as exciting as actually taking her to the

First, I spent more than an hour at Target deciding which swimming suit to get her. I thought buying myself a new suit every other year was impossible. Ha. While there were only about 10 styles to chose from, I resisted the urge to buy her a polka-dot baby bikini as well as a pink one with a tutu.

Granted, I originally set out to buy her the T-shirt style suit, looking ahead to the summer and the most practical suit for protecting her sensitive baby skin, but my fashion-oriented and maternal side compromised on a pink, brown and teal paisley print one-piece halter suit.

However once I settled on this, I spent another 20 minutes examining the various sizes, trying to determine which one would fit alright now, but also well into the summer, past her first birthday. As heartbreaking as it was, I ended up with a 2T swimming suit for my 7-month-old. For those of you less familiar with children's clothing sizes, a 2T is what an average 2-year-old would wear. Sadly, Emaline's suit was none too big.

I finished tracking down some other accessories like the necessary swim diapers, bought arm floaties for some reason and hurried home to get Emaline ready for her first swim.

Grateful for access to a free indoor pool, we arrived at the Nat a little after 8 p.m. and wasted no time getting Emaline swimming. We took her into the recreational pool, where she got her first taste of what it felt like to be nearly weightless. This sensation definitely freaked her out; she shivered for the first five minutes we were in the pool, nervous about this strange feeling. Once she realized she was still safe in Mommy's arms, she started splashing and laughing, enjoying the world's biggest bath tub.

Emaline quickly found a group of guys showing off for each other at the diving boards and needed to remain in full view of their tricks, especially their splashes, for the remainder of our time at the pool.

After half an hour, we decided that

Emaline was probably going to shrivel away to nothing if we let her get too pruny. We dried her off and stuck her in her pajamas, hoping she might fall asleep on the short car ride home.

We were correct in that assumption. In fact, she was so passed out that I put her to sleep and didn't hear another peep until 7:30 a.m. Now I realize why my neighborhood pool back home was always so packed with youngsters just before nap time.

Emaline's first pool experience was a blast, and I have a sneaking suspicion that I have will have a fish on my hands for the next several years. Not only did her reaction to the new experience make my day and add to the testimonial of how incredible an infant's development can be, but learning the secret to getting a baby to sleep through the night was a definite plus.

If only I could take her swimming ev-

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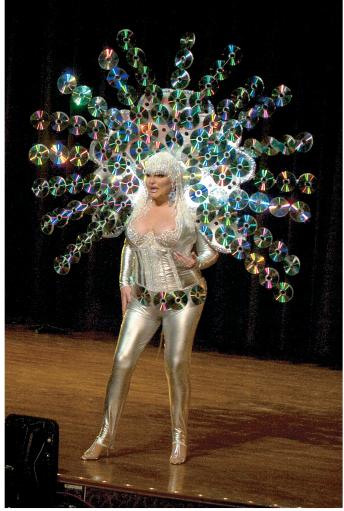
A documentary played before the show, showing what it takes to become a drag queen while featuring two members of the performance, Victoria Fox and Monica Moree. The clip showed the queens getting ready for a show and talking about what goes into becoming a queen.

They also mentioned smaller details like how long it takes to get ready for a show. Both said it takes about an hour or two to be prepared depending on what needs to be done.

The show ended with an emotional and eye-opening performance by Monica Moree where she reversed the process and went from her Drag Queen persona back into the man she is played by, Dusty

Garner. Garner performed with the complete removal of the costume and makeup.

"The first drag show I ever went to was back when P.J.'s was still open," said junior in political science Jesse Marden. "Before then I'd never realized just how intangible gender can be. I'd read about it, but reading about it and seeing it are two completely different things."



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Left: Penny Tration licks one of the audience members after a favorable tip. **Right: Chelsea Pearl** performs at the drag show Friday night in her intricate CD costume.

NEW YEAR | Professor: Chinese influences chance to learn



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Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union seats a packed audience Sunday night for the Chinese New Year celebrations. K-State students put on performances to celebrate the New Year, which is determined by the lunar calendar.

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intercultural people," she said. "American students from the Chinese program are learning to speak Chinese in these years."

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Some of these students performed in the festival, demonstrating their fluency

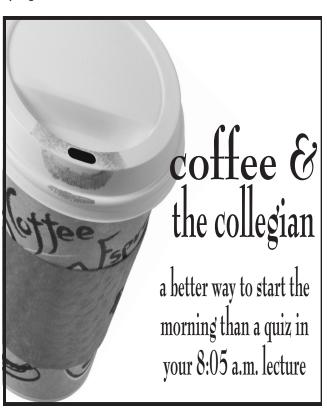
in Mandarin.

"I started studying Mandarin to have it as a second language," said Andrew McGowan, senior in agronomy and one of the performers. "You can't learn Mandarin without learning something about the Chinese culture"

Chinese students are also at K-State to learn English and about American culture, Wu said. The U.S. has had an important influence on China's modern culture.

The performances in the Chinese Spring Festival mirrored this mix, including a group dancing to a modern hip-hop mix and a traditional Mongolian dance.

"American students will start to realize that China is not that far," Wu said. "Students can really use the opportunity to get exposure to China, as this event is designed to bring two different cultures together."





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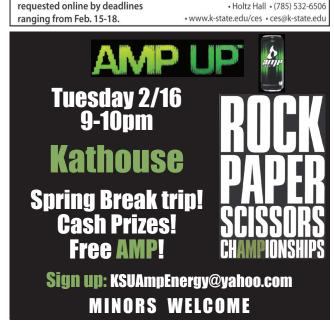
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